

# VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND



## Annual Report

### 1 July 2017— 30 June 2018

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Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund  
Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Annual Report

The Veterans Program Trust Fund was established as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on December 23, 1988 under Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 40.460. This report provides a list of the present members of the Board of Directors.

During this reporting period, the Trust Fund expended/obligated funds for 25 worthy projects that will benefit Kentucky's veteran population. This report outlines the details concerning each of the Trust Fund expenditures for FY 2018. In this fiscal year, the Trust Fund Board of Directors approved more changes to the application and funding rules. By refining and expanding the FY 2017 changes, the Trust Fund Board significantly improved the quality of grant proposals and the effectiveness of Trust Fund expenditures.

One funding source comes from the taxpayer check-off system on the state income tax form. Taxpayers may contribute any portion of their refund to the Trust Fund. Five dollars of every renewal of veteran license plates goes to the Trust Fund. [Note: This is not true for the "I Support Veterans" plate] The Trust Fund also accepts tax-deductible contributions from individuals, groups or corporations. This report outlines the amounts received from each of these sources.

The Trust Fund began the year on 1 July 2017 with a balance of **\$537,912.29**.

Expenditures during the year totaled **\$551,156.80**. The fiscal year ended with a fund balance, less obligations, of **\$505,268.74** as shown in the financial report on page 6. Details concerning the projects are included in the use of funds section beginning on page 5.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Benjamin F. Adams, III".

Benjamin F. Adams, III  
Chair  
Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

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# Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund

## *History and Operation*

The Kentucky General Assembly established the Veterans Program Trust Fund (VPTF) as part of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Bonus Act on 23 December 1988. The purpose of the VPTF is to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans, but that are not funded by the state General Fund.

The VPTF is overseen by a board of directors whose members are appointed by the Governor. The list of members with their affiliations is on page 10. The Board of Directors shall meet at the call of the Commissioner and, at a minimum, shall meet quarterly to review applications.

The VPTF has received a steady, moderate income from a \$5.00 fee that is included in the initial purchase price and renewal of veterans license plates.

The VPTF is also a legal recipient of tax-deductible contributions from individuals, companies and organizations. Such contributions may be made through the VPTF check-off box on the state income tax for checks sent to the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and made out to the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund. The Help a Veteran Every day (H.A.V. E.) Program encourages citizens to contribute directly to the Veterans Program Trust Fund at any county clerk office. In Fiscal Year 2010, KDVA started hosting an on-line donation page for the VPTF, allowing individuals to make secure donations by credit card or bank withdrawal.

Kentucky's Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs) such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars have contributed generously to the VPTF since its creation and continue to do so.

A donor may also specify that the contribution goes to one of several specific programs/facilities KDVA operates for the benefit of veterans:

- Homeless Veterans Trust Fund
- Women Veterans Programs
- Benefits/Field Operations
- Thomson-Hood Veterans Center (Wilmore, KY)
- Carl M. Brashear Veterans Center (Radcliff, KY)
- Paul E. Patton Eastern Kentucky Veterans Center (Hazard, KY)
- Joseph "Eddie" Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center (Hanson, KY)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West (Hopkinsville)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central (Radcliff, KY)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North (Williamstown, KY)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Northeast (Grayson, KY)
- Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Southeast (Hyden, KY)

# **Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund**

## **Highlights for FY 2018 (7/1/17 - 6/30/18)**

As of 1 July 2017, the beginning of the fiscal year, the Trust Fund had \$537,912.39. Since that date, the Board of Directors approved requests for funding submitted by twenty-five worthy programs benefitting Kentucky veterans.

Here are some of those programs:

1. Co-sponsor and support flights by Honor Flight Bluegrass taking veterans to the monuments in Washington, D.C. - **\$25,000**
2. Help Open Hands Pantry expand its Rural Veterans Program - **\$5,000**
3. Help Athena's Sisters provide Operation Legacy retreats for Women Veterans - **\$11,030**
4. Help the Lyon County American Legion Post 68 provide PTSD-trained service dogs to six veterans in the area. - **\$12,000**
5. Help Kentucky Habitat for Humanity build 12 "tiny houses" for veterans and perform critical home repairs for veterans. - **\$30,000**
6. Help AMVETS purchase and install a Carillon at the new Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Southeast. - **\$35,000**
7. Help the Robley Rex VA Medical Center in Louisville, KY provide transportation for discharged veterans. - **\$10,000**
8. Help the KDVA Homeless Veterans Financial Assistance Program prevent veteran homelessness. - **\$50,000**

Find more items beginning on Page 11.

## Summary Fund Activity Report - Fiscal Year 2018 (1 July 2017 - 30 June 2018)

Veterans Program Trust Fund (6307 and 6308)		FY 2018 YTD
Carryforward/BEGINNING BALANCE 6307 and 6308		\$ 537,912.29
<b>Receipts:</b>		
License Plate Fees (R404)		\$ 464,037.77
Tax Check-off (R809)		\$ 27,767.00
Miscellaneous Donations (R801 & R802)		\$ 9,024.41
KECC Donations (R802)		\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous Deposits		\$
Interest Income (R771)		\$ 7,233.50
Other Adjustments		\$ 10,300.57
<b>Total Receipts:</b>		\$ 518,513.25
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS 6307 and 6308</b>		\$ 1,056,425.54
<b>Expenditures:</b>		
KYTC Print Services		\$ 4,100.00
RJ Roberts Inc		\$ 799.28
Veterans Tribute Groups, Inc.		\$ 50,000.00
Active Heroes, Inc		\$ 15,000.00
Lamp & Light Ministries, Open Hands		\$ 5,000.00
Athena Sisters		\$ 11,030.00
Other Adjustments		\$ (4,714.64)
Visual Presentations		\$ 18,000.00
KYVETS		\$ 485.00
Tri An Foundation, Inc-Monument		\$ 50,000.00
Auditor of Public Accounts - VPTF Audit		\$ 8,220.50
Honor Flight Kentucky		\$ 25,000.00
KY Prostate Cancer Coalition		\$ 2,500.00
Spirit of Sophia		\$ 2,100.00
VFW Post 5766		\$ 20,000.00
Veteran's Memorial Park of KY Inc		\$ 25,000.00
Casey Co. Veterans Honor Guard		\$ 10,000.00
Crofton North Christian Co. Veterans Memorial		\$ 12,500.00
Connected Nation Inc.		\$ 28,000.00
Kentucky Habitat For Humanity, Inc.		\$ 30,000.00
Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame		\$ 25,000.00
Lyon Co. American Legion Post 68, Inc.		\$ 12,000.00
Radcliff Veterans Center Tribute		\$ 16,000.00
Upside Therapeutic Riding, Inc.		\$ 15,000.00
Life Adventure Center of the Bluegrass		\$ 29,836.66
KY Aviation Historic Society		\$ 15,000.00
NABVETS		\$ 5,300.00
Robley Rex VA Medical Center		\$ 10,000.00
AMVETS		\$ 35,000.00
Southeast KY Community & Technical College		\$ 25,000.00
KDVA Homeless Veterans Program		\$ 50,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDED 6307 and 6308</b>		\$ 551,156.80
<b>Fund Balance (Cash on Hand) 6307 and 6308</b>		\$ 505,268.74

**State Veterans Cemeteries Fund (637R)**

<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of FY18 637R</b>		<b>FY2018 YTD</b>
<b>Carryforward</b>		\$ 63,698.27
Additional Donations		\$ 28,224.56
Other Adjustments		\$ 2,600.00
Interest		\$ 649.89
<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>		<b>\$ 95,172.72</b>
Expenditures		\$ 43,997.95
<b>Ending Balance 637R</b>		<b>\$ 51,174.77</b>



## HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAM



In 2015, the Commonwealth of Kentucky declared its intention to end veteran homelessness by the end of the year. Great efforts were made toward achieving this goal. However, we still have many homeless veterans living in shelters, with relatives, and even on our streets.

As of January 2017, it was estimated that there were still close to 500 homeless veterans in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs continues to assist these veterans by reaching out in an effort to locate the homeless veterans and continues to connect them with appropriate resources to help them with their needs.

There are several Grant Per Diem (GPD) programs throughout the state of Kentucky that are able to offer room and board to homeless veterans with substance abuse and mental illness issues at no cost to the veteran. Veterans can stay in these programs for up to two years while working with case managers and counselors to overcome their addictions, prepare for the workforce, and to overcome any other obstacles they may face. These programs are in Louisville, Lexington, Hopkinsville, and Prestonsburg.

KDVA's homeless veteran coordinator works closely with the USDVA HUD/VASH programs in Louisville and Lexington KY, Marion IL, Nashville TN, Cincinnati OH, and Huntington WV by using our Homeless Veterans Trust Fund emergency assistance program to pay security deposits for homeless veterans who qualify for HUD vouchers. This helps to alleviate some of the financial burden veterans encounter when first become housed.

KDVA contributed \$2,500 to various Stand Down events throughout the state and was able to purchase \$700 worth of hats, gloves, scarves and socks to distribute to homeless veterans during the cold winter months. The Homeless Veterans Program also received a number of winter coats through various donations to give to veterans in need.

The KDVA homeless veteran coordinator partnered with several law enforcement agencies in FY 2018 who assisted in distributing homeless bags containing personal hygiene items, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, and snacks. KDVA also delivered homeless bags, blankets, and clothing to several homeless shelters throughout the states during the cold months.

The KDVA homeless veteran coordinator partnered with several other businesses, organizations, and unions in the Louisville Metro area to form Operation Victory. The coalition was able to obtain and renovate a condemned house to provide a home for a homeless female veteran who had been living in here car for almost a year. This project has progressed into an ongoing effort to renovate at least one home per year for homeless veterans and their families. KDVA is also working to expand this project to other cities throughout the state.





## **HOMELESS VETERANS TRUST FUND**

The Homeless Veteran Trust Fund is not limited to helping veterans obtain emergency housing. The Trust Fund also provides emergency financial assistance to veterans in danger of losing their homes. Veterans can obtain the assistance once in a lifetime for up to \$250 to pay utilities (electric, gas, or water) or past-due rent.

# **FY 18 Milestones**

Total Assistance to Veterans: **\$74,162.61**

Veterans Assisted: **338**

Average Amount of Assistance: **\$219**

208 Veterans received rental assistance

104 Veterans received utility assistance

26 Veterans received temporary housing

### **Homeless Veterans Fiscal Year 2018**

Homeless Veterans Fund (6306)

<b>Fund Balance, Beginning of FY 17 (7/1/18)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,055.03</b>
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#### **Carryforward**

Additional Donations	\$	3,342.00
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Other Adjustments	\$	50,000.00
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Interest	\$	350.33
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<b>TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS + CARRYOVER</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>77,747.36</b>
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<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>74,162.61</b>
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<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,584.75</b>
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# Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs

## Veterans Program Trust Fund Board Members

*(as of 30 June 2018)*

NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM
Benjamin F. Adams, III	KDVA	As Commissioner
Heather French Henry	KDVA	As Deputy
VACANT	National Guard	July 15, 2019
Randall Allen Fischer	American Legion	July 15, 2019
Joseph Doeblner	AMVETS	July 15, 2019
David Jarrett	DAV	July 15, 2019
Carlos Pugh	At-Large	July 15, 2020
Carl Joseph Kaelin	VFW	July 15, 2020
Donald Wayne Helton	JECVO	July 15, 2020
Carla Ann Raiser	At-Large	July 15, 2020
Michael Blaine Hedges	GAB	July 15, 2020

## Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors September 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes Excerpts

SAME Kentuckiana Post presented a donation check to the Board for \$5,000.

The following requests for funds were presented:

Visual Presentations - \$18,000

Funding for enhanced production of Louisville Veterans Day Parade, Welcome Home events and other veteran events.. Board voted to approve this request for \$18,000 upon receipt of an itemized budget.

Active Heroes, Inc. - \$15,000

Funding to for a Flag Array for the newly built Welcome Center at the Active Heroes Retreat Center in Shepherdsville. Board voted to approve this \$15,000 request.

Casey County Veterans Honor Guard - \$40,515

Funding to purchase a passenger bus to transport the Honor Guard in a safe and professional manner. Board voted to approve \$10,000 for this request.

KYVets - \$5,000

Funding for marketing and program outreach to pair veterans with job opportunities. Board voted to approve this request for \$5,000.

Athena Sisters - \$19,730

Funding for the partial cost of promoting and hosting Operation Legacy retreats for women veterans.. Board voted to approve \$11,030 of this request.

Lamp and Light Ministries, Open Hands Pantry - \$2,500

Funding to expand the Reaching Rural Veterans Program. Board voted to approve \$5,000 for this request.

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors December 13, 2017 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

Veterans Memorial Park - \$25,000

Funding to commission artist Wyatt Gregg to create National Guard Memorial bronze sculpture.  
Board voted to approve this \$25,000 request.

Honor Flight Kentucky - \$25,000

Funding to co-sponsor and support flights in 2018 to take veterans to Washington, D.C.  
Board voted to approve this \$25,000 request.

Kentucky Prostate Cancer Coalition - \$2,500

Funding to provide prostate cancer screenings at the 2018 Kentucky State Fair.  
Board voted to approve this \$2,500 request.

Spirit of Sophia - \$2,100

Funding to help 12 women veterans to attend a day retreat.  
Board voted to approve this \$2,100 request.

Veterans Memorial for Ohio County Veterans - \$20,000

Funding to help construct the memorial.  
Board voted to approve this \$20,000 request.

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors March 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame - \$25,000

Funding for the induction of veterans into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame.

Board voted to approve this request for \$25,000.

Connected Nation, Inc. - \$46,886

Funding to advance digital literacy, job skill training and placement for veterans, military spouses and transitioning military.

Board voted to approve \$28,000 of this request.

Lyon County American Legion Post 68 - \$10,000

Funding to provide six veterans with PTSD-trained service dog.

Board voted to approve \$12,000 for this request.

Kentucky Habitat for Humanity - \$60,000

Funding to build five “tiny houses” and perform critical home repairs for veterans.

Board voted to approve \$30,000 of this request.

Life Adventure Center - \$29,836.66

Funding to expand the Warrior Women Recovery Retreats for women veterans with PTS and MST.

Board voted to approve this \$29,836.66 request.

Radcliff Veterans Center Tribute - \$16,000

Funding for tribute to veterans and their families.

Board voted to approve this \$16,000 request.

## **Veterans Program Trust Fund Board of Directors June 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes Excerpts**

The following requests for funds were presented:

**AMVETS - \$35,000**

Funding to purchase a carillon for the new Kentucky Veterans Cemetery South East in Hyden.

Board voted to approve this \$35,000 request.

**KDVA Homeless Veterans Financial Assistance Program - \$50,000**

Funding to continue the program to prevent veterans from becoming homeless.

Board voted to approve this \$50,000 request.

**Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College - \$25,000**

Funding to provide a socializing, networking and educational environment for student veterans on four SKCTC campuses.

Board voted to approve this request for \$25,000.

**Bowman Field Aviation and Military Heritage Festival - \$15,000**

Funding to pay tribute to veterans and educate the public.

Board voted to approve this request for \$15,000.

**Robley Rex VA Medical Center - \$50,000**

Funding to provide emergency transport for discharged veterans.

Board voted to approve \$10,000 of this request.

**NABVETS - \$5,300**

Funding to bring America's oldest WWII Veterans, Mr. Richard Overton, to serve as Grand Marshall for the 2018 Veterans Day Parade in Lexington.

Board voted to approve this request for \$5,300.

**Constituent Services for Governor Bevin - \$1,5000**

Funding to provide a flag to all service members retiring from or re-enlisting from the USS Kentucky.

Board voted to approve this request for \$4,500 on condition of providing flags to service members from the USS Louisville.

**KDVA Field Operations- \$50,000**

Funding to purchase/replenish items for their 20 field outreach kits.

Board voted to approve \$10,000.



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